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February 28, 2005

TO:

Each Supervisor

FROM:

Bryce Yokomizo, Director

Department of Public Social Services

SUBJECT:

QUARTERLY REPORT FROM DPSS REGARDING DATA ON THE RITE PROGRAM FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER THROUGH **DECEMBER 2004 (BOARD ORDER #26 - AUGUST 13, 1999)**

This is to provide your Board with the report, formerly submitted jointly from the Departments of Public Social Services (DPSS) and Community & Senior Services (CSS) regarding the Refugee/Immigrant Training and Employment (RITE) program for the period of October through December 2004 in accordance with your August 3, 1999 motion. This report is being submitted solely by DPSS since CSS is no longer handling the RITE contracts.

During the report period of October - December 2004, a monthly average of 3,810 participants received RITE program services. A total of 752 participants were placed into full or part-time employment during this period. On a monthly basis, an average of 1,743 RITE participants received Post-Employment Services and 118 received domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health specialized supportive services. Finally, a total of 56 RITE participants were referred to DPSS with a recommendation for financial sanction for non-cooperation.

DPSS executed amendments with the current nine RITE providers for the continuation of services from January 1, 2005 through May 31, 2005. Department is on target with the RFP process for new contracts effective June 1. 2005. DPSS will continue providing this report through May 31, 2005.

BY:fp

Chief Administrative Officer C: **County Counsel**

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March 8, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012 Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GOLDEN WINGS ACADEMY TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE SERVICES AT DPSS' EXPOSITION PARK CHILD CARE CENTER (ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- Delegate authority to the Director, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), to execute an Agreement, substantially similar to the attached Agreement, with Golden Wings Academy to provide child care services at DPSS' Exposition Park Child Care Center located on-site at the Exposition Park district office at 1024 West 38th Street, Los Angeles, effective April 1, 2005, or the day after execution, whichever is later, through September 30, 2009. This is a non-financial Agreement; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.
- 2. Delegate authority to the Director, DPSS, to prepare and execute amendments to this Agreement, when the change is necessitated by additional and necessary services that are required in order for the contractor to comply with changes in federal, State or County requirements. The approval of County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) will be obtained prior to execution of such amendments, and the Director, DPSS, will notify the CAO in writing within ten business days after execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

With your Board's approval, DPSS will execute an Agreement, substantially similar to the attached Agreement, with Golden Wings Academy to provide child care services at the Exposition Park Child Care Center.

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Implementation of Strategic Plans and Goals

The contract is consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #5 Children and Families' Well-Being: Improve the well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County, as measured by the achievements in the five outcome areas adopted by the Board: good health; economic well-being; safety and survival; social and emotional well-being; and educational/workforce readiness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This is a non-financial Agreement for the provision of child care services. Parents, not the County, pay for the child care services. The County provides the physical facilities, utilities, upkeep, equipment and supplies, which are deemed unavoidable costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Exposition Park Child Care Center was completed in August 2001. The Center can accommodate 57 children (16 infants/toddlers and 41 preschoolers). The Department has selected Golden Wings Academy, owned and operated by Deseree Chase to operate the Exposition Park Child Care Center. Ms. Chase has agreed to charge the same parent fees as the El Monte and Telstar Child Care Centers.

Ms. Chase has been a licensed child care provider since August 1992. She currently operates two licensed child care centers: Easter's Nest Child Care Center located in the city of Lynwood, and Golden Wings Academy located in the city of Carson. At Golden Wings Academy, Ms. Chase operates a private school, which accommodates children from first to sixth grade. All staff employed by Ms. Chase meet, at a minimum, the three star requirement set by the Los Angeles Universal Preschool Committee.

DPSS staff has reviewed Facility Evaluation Reports conducted by the Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) for Golden Wings Academy and Easter's Nest, and has determined that these centers are in compliance with CCLD regulations.

Originally, DPSS Child Care Centers were going to be utilized only by County employees. However, to expand the center's utilization, we have opened them up to CalWORKs participants. In the future, we anticipate opening the centers to other children, to the extent that there is available capacity and appropriate funding.

The Agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. Approval of this Agreement will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information, and will be in full compliance with federal, State and County regulations.

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CONTRACT PROCESSING

As this is a non-financial Agreement, no solicitation is required. State regulations allow contracting without competitive solicitation when the services are provided at no cost to the County.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Providing child care services will have a significant positive impact on the County by providing: 1) increased child care capacity; 2) quality on-site child care services to County employees; and 3) the opportunity for CalWORKs participants enrolled in the Careers in Child Care Training Program to experience hands-on training.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted and stamped Board Letter to the Director, DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce Yokomizo, Director

BY:nv

Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Policy Roundtable for Child Care